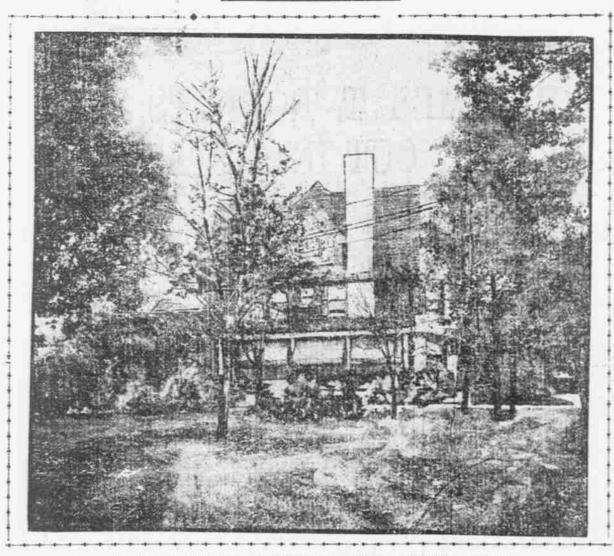
"AIRDRIE," THE COUNTRY HOME OF THE BLAIRS, IS PALATIAL IN ALL ITS APPOINTMENTS.



AIRDRIE-JAMES L. BLAIR'S HOME ON SAPPINGTON ROAD.

'Airdrie," the country place of James L. | til in the summer the place fairly glows, and alry sleeping rooms; Mr. Blair's li-Biair, is one of the most palatial residences in or near St. Louis, if not in the H.air, now at Hatvard, expects to make somely in shades of brown, with arts and State of Missouri. It lies midway between landscape architecture his vocation, and crafts furniture and some excellent pic-Kirkwood and Webster, on the Sappington has this summer experimented in several road, with Glendale as the nearest rail- ways on the gardens and surrounding third floor, where stands the grand plane, road station. Mr. and Mrs. Blair pur- grounds chased the place seven years ago from Inside the house Mrs. Blair's exquisite the estate of Christy Church, who built taste in furnishing has been allowed unthe bause; but they have im-proved and altered both house and aga-nor elegant home in St. Louis. Perfect fious grounds to such an extent that harmony reigns and everywhere the spirit scarcely any semblance of the former of home is the one most potent. The replace remains. Handsome stone gates coping parlor in soft shades of old pink, overgrown with try and built after designs with a few fine old family portraits on of the elder son of the house, Percy Blair, | the walls; the spacious middle hall, which mark entrances to the grounds, which are is a living-room both above and below: the shade of gay striped awnings, with laid out in charming fashion and covered the clive diving-room, where many merry cozy ten tables close at hand and a riot with the choicest trees and shrubs. Mr. parties have gathered round a perfectly Blair has always taken the greatest per- appointed board and served with menus sonal price in these, and many of them famed for their delicase, the viands large- attractions, he planted himself and couxed to inx- ly supplied from "Airdrie's" fine vegetable "Airdrie" uriant growth. Several fine old wisteria garden and orchard; the kichens models and rose vines have been trained to spread of their kind; the cony sitting-room done their folinge over plazzas and orbors un- in chintz, on the second floor; the cheerful

Roberts began work in the office.

who was a client of Dick Bros. & Co. Judge James A. Seddon became Mr. Roberts declares, that his attention to the Blaff's law partner about one month after All god irregularities was first attracted. The amount was only trivial, being Roberts remained with the firm until about \$1,568, but something about it struck about November 1, 1888, but after that him as being unusual.

time he kept his desk in the rooms occu-pled by Sedden & Blair, to which he had Mr. Blair's law practice was sufficient to pay him quite handsomely, he had begun

It was while examining an account of to wonder how his employer could stand

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the apparent rapid increase in his living expenses without a corresponding advance in his resources. It was out of curlosity, the Grand Jury's

chief witness says, that he began a private investigation of Mr. Blair's affairs. When searching for the papers in the Blanchard case, Roberts says that he. came across a bundle of envelopes and documents in the safe, which gave him Mr. Blair, the opportunity to make the discoveries cading up to this disclosure.

where many of the bronges and art bits

are presents from Mrs. Blair's music clubs and musical friends in all walks of life;

the well-appointed stables and dairy; the

waterworks, whence comes the pure, clear

flaid which supplies "Airdrio" with drink-

ing water and also that for bathroom pur-

pones; the brend plazzas, whereon con genual parties of friends have made merry

of comfortable cushions and swinging

couches-these are a few of the "Airdrie"

Alexander family, ancesters of both Mr.

found names of persons who were sup-posed to have borrowed money from Dick Bros. & Co. Here, he declared, he found portions of certificates of title and

canceled interest notes. Further investigation, he has been reported as saying, convinced Roberts that the loans were fictitious, the certificates of title not what they purported to be and the notarial seals used without au-

From these papers, as well as other information he had acquired, Roberts says that he learned that Mr. Blair was doing an extensive loan business for Dick Bros. & Co. Many loans were made by this Philadelphia firm while he was in Blair's office, and many of them were renewed.

HAD CONFIDENCE IN BLAIR'S INTEGRITY.

It was the confidence Dick Bros. had in-Mr. Blair that made the alleged fregularities possible, Roberts declares. They took precautions to require certificates of title from a title investigating company, and also required that some competent person should pass upon the certificate. As they permitted Mr. Blair to send the certificate and did not require them delivered by the title investigating companies personally, Roberts deciares that it was easy for Blair o carry out his alleged plan. Roberts alleges that the senior member

of the firm of Dick Bros. & Co, knew personally Samuel Sammons of St. Louis and had the greatest confidence in Mr. Simmen's estimation on the value of real es-

The firm, Roberts declares, required Mr. Blair to get Mr. Simmons's value on property on which a loan was to be made before the loan was made.

According to Roberts, Mr. Blair frequently reported that Mr. Simmons had passed upon the matters and considered

the loans advisable. One loan mentioned in particular by Roberts in his statement is that in which the name of Jonathan Gold is used. Rob-erts declares that the name is fictitious. On this loan, Roberts says, \$18,000 was advanced. The application for the loan

was made to Dick Bros. & Co., using the fictitious name of Jonathan Gold, says Roberts, Mr. Blair, according to Roberts, forwarded it to Dick Bros. & Co. On Mr. Blair's recommendation, Dick Bros. agreed to make the loan. A certificate of title was issued by the St. Louis Trust Company, showing a good fee sim- The Republic: de title to the property on which the loan

clares, siso was mythical.

Then the deed of trust, Roberts has told, and title certificate accompanied by a Recorder of Deeds certificate, showing the deed to have been entered in certain books and on certain pages, was sent to Dick Bros. & Co., and the money was forthcoming. The signature of the Re-corder of Deeds, according to Roberts's statements, was a forgery.
It was after 1886 when Mr. Blair began

to utter faire loans, according to Roberts. Altogether, he says, twenty-two loans of this character, amounting to about \$250.00, were made. When his inrestigations, which began out of curiosity, had reached the stage, Roberts says, he began to feel like a man with a white elephant on his hands,

His convelence told him, he suys, that the affect frands should not be concealed, but he did not use how he could be the

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was transaction be cald, that brought Schools of Washington, which is could then the meeting. He says that he muss end the last school system in the Unite though Blair regarding there bone, and States. Professor Pour-II is the authories told him that if he repeated the offensor is number of school locks which are need he would feet in duty bound to reveal the throughout the United States.

Whole matter. Blair casered at him, he This well-known genderson does not be Self-s and told him to go and divulge his little to recommend Perma to his empt writte Dack Brow & Co.

brethers and Rhair were cousins, and he N street, N. W., Washington, D. C., b remorded it as a family matter which Dr. Hartman be says: would not result in a prosecution. While onversing with Blair on the subject of the lones, Roberts pays Bleir remarked; Roberts, I ought to hill you."

forming Mr. Blake that the papers repating to all of the transactions were safely locked in a deposit vault, and that in he event of any harm to him they would to have brought a revolver to the office used in every household," it is a signifi-like next day and slipped it into a desk. cant fact to the increasing prominence and the next day and s ipped it into a desk. Some time after this conference Roberts, undoubted efficuer of Peruna. rays that he went away and remained A Well-Known College flan Restored int of St. Limis six months. When he returned, he declares, he found that Binir had not beeded the warning, but in his desence had floated two more spurious

Dick Brow.

Roberts goes on to tell how he visited the offices of Dick Stree, & Co. in New York; how much trouble he had in nethow he was fluilly referred to their New York legal esumed, to whom he told the story. Then, he said. Attorney Cordoza advised Mr. Dick to hear the story.

Mr. Cordon, according to Roberts, adbe statement, to go to St. Louis at once. Mr. Dick arranged to do so and brought yer, with him.

Roberts accompanied them to St. Louis, he declares, and was not long in submitting to Mr. Graham the proofs of his statements Coming to St. Louis, Mr. Dick told Roberts that he had once loaned. Blair Kaon personally on the latter's representation that he had lost heavily in the cyclone Roberts declares that the cyclone caused Blair no loss at all Blair paid back the loan promptly.

BROUGHT BOOKS
FROM PHILADELPHIA.

Principles to Mr. Dick Bros. & Co.'s Philadelphia offices. Bobasts with them.

"Airdrie" is the name of an old estate in Scotland owned and occupied by the

Philadelphia offices, Roberts said, showed ans amounting to about \$39,000 in St.

The day following their arrival in St. Louis Roberts says that he accompanied Attorney Graham to the Courthouse, City Hall, trust company offices and other places, where evidence was obtainable. Mr. Dick did not go with them, but re-mained at the Planters, where he had reg-istered under the name of D. R. Evans, not wishing to run the chance of meeting

Upon their return to the hotel, Roberts says, Mr. Graham informed Dick that he had found evidence which placed the amount at \$140,000, as raised upon the al-

Then steps were taken to bring about a settlement. Before coming to St. Louis Roberts alleges that Mr. Dick was angry he found that the charges were true, but that he later changed his mind and decided that he would be satisfied if an arrangement could be made to get his money

A civil suit was at first suggested, but, to avoid a disclosure, it was decided to at first attempt to make a settlement out of court. The counsel for a St. Louis bondng company, Roberts declares, was called in and apprised of the facts on February

In connection with the consultations bout a suit to be filed against Blair, Roberts mys that he fought against any acname into the matter. He says that At-orney Graham contended that Judge Sedthey told the story. don was legally liable, although he was convinced beyond a doubt that Mr. Blair's aw partner was not morally guilty of any But as Mr. Blair's law partner, Mr. Gra-

am contended that in a civil action Judge Seddon would be jointly responsible, as the firm represented Dick Bros. & Co. DEEDS HAD NOT BEEN RECORDED.

In their investigations Roberts save that e and Attorney Graham found that in most cases the deeds had not been re orded at all. Two, he says, were found to be of record-one of Michael O'Laughlin and wife and the other John and Elizabeth Dwyer. He says that it developed that these were bonn fide loans.

The Emmenger deed of trust, was investigated at the St. Louis Trust Comp offices, by Graham, says Roberts, and here the substituted second page that had been used in the others was first detected. The substitution, and proved to Mr. Graham that his contention was correct.

MR. ROBERT'S STATEMENT OF BLOW ESTATE CASE.

Attorney Edward S. Robert, who was e-trustee with James L. Blair in the administration of the estate of Henry T. Blow, made the following statement to "As to the details of this case, I prom-

was sought, the property being on the north seed the gentlement who came to the ar-side of Locust Street, between Eighth and sistance of Mr. Glair that I would not Ninth streets, on which stands the building occupied by the Gould Directory Com-September 2, 180, when Mr. Roberts and his attorney, James D. Simms, came to

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positive fact that the securities, or eeds, in question had been in a sufe deposit box for five years, and if there had been any crime it was barred by the statute of limitation. So that, even had it been possible to prosecute any one, the action would have been fruitless. But, as I have said, I had only hearsay, and, therefore, had no right to say who was guilty.

"I wish to repeat that the very first in timation I received of this matter was or September 2 of this year, and the investigation I have indicated followed immedi-

The statement of Mr. Robert conforms to the reports of the matter currently circulated, to the statement made by Roberts and Simms and repeated by those to whom

ROBERTS ACQUITTED OF SIMPSON KILLING.

Attorney. Who Accuses James L. Binir of Forgeries, Shot a Duneing Teacher.

James T. Roberts, the principal witness n the Blair case, on November 24, 1899, shot and killed Roy Simpson, professor of the Simpson Duncing Academy, No. 1529

William Williams, a negro porter, was the only person in the academy rooms, except Roberts and Simpson, at the time.

Simpson, according to Williams, was hanging curtains when Roberts entered and a conversation began. A quarrel followed and, Williams said, Simpson, follewed Roberts to the stairway. Williams heard a shot fired, ran out and found Simpson fatally wounded. He said that he followed Roberts to Sixteenth and St. Charles streets, and there lost track of

The entire detective department was put work on the case. Williams did not ow Roberts, and could not give the police the name of the man who shot Simp-

Detectives John Recly, John Cordell and Alphonse Guian arrested Roberts. They

BUSY DOCTOR

Sometimes Overlooks a Point.

SATS REAL PAPERS

WERE ALL ALTERED.

Roberts says that the cords of his discrete, James D. Shims, came to real property was delivered by the St. Louis Trust Company; that Mr. Hills; and the examination of the decid followed. Mr. Blair, and the examination of the decid followed. Mr. Blair, and the examination of the decid followed. Mr. Blair, and the examination of the decid followed. Mr. Blair stated that be was concealing the wroughting of an interest the Gould Building Company, but in the name of Jonathan Gold, the alleged feetitions person.

The certificate thus bore all the required seals and expeditions and had every appearance of genuineleses, according to Roberts.

The next step, Roberts says, was to have excuted a deed of trust, using the mane of Jonathan Gold. A principal note for \$15.000 and ten interest notes for \$455. each, were prepared and they bore the signal trust of Jonathan Gold.

The deed of trust, according to Roberts, and of the graph of the decid of the sealing to Roberts and the satiorney, James D. Slimms, came to be sould by a dealed by called by called by called by called by a thinkel.

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found his name among contracts in Simpson's office and learned from a woman that Simpson and Roberts had had trouble about Mrs. Roberts being accepted as a

pupil by the dancing master.

about Mrs. Roberts being accepted as a pepil by the dancing master.

The detectives went to No. 25331 Horton place, and found Roberts.

I have not forgotten how he looked when we entered the house," said Assistant Chief of Detectives Keeley yesterday. "He had two big scars on his face, one near the right eye and the other on his chin. His shirt collar was total and he looked as if he had been in a baitle.

"Two been expecting you, gentlemen," he said to us, as we went into his room, and I'm peady to go with you."

"We took Roberts to the Four Courts, if I remember currectly he was held several days. The Coroner's lury exonerated him, but it was necessary to denin him for a few lays until the transcript of the Caroner's evidence could be sent to Assistant Prosecuting Astorney Johnson, When the transcript did arrive, I believe, Mr. Johnson declined to have a warrant, "Roberts had given a nond—I believe it was for \$6.00—to answer any charge that might be preferred against him. He was called in on that bond and discharged. It was the verified of the Coroner's jury that the case was one of instifiable homicide and that Roberts had acted entirely in self-defense. This version of the affair was also borne out by the police investigation and accepted."



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Another suit was brought on his bond by Attorney Collins for five fees, allowed by the court in the other litigation. The matter was compromised, after be-ing in the courts for some years. The \$400 attorneys' fee was paid, and the \$5.-767.05 claim was settled by the Union Trust Company paying a stipulated sum-

COMMITTEE TO MEET FRIDAY.

Garbage Commission Will Report Result of Eastern Trip. The Garbage Committee, which recently

sade a tour of the East to gain information in regard to the best method of disosing of garbage, did not meet yesterday, owing to the absence of members.

Those present were Sewer Commissions:
F. W. Valliant, Hiram Phillips, President of the Board of Public Improvements;
Water Commissioner Een C. Adkins; Harber and Wharf Commissioner J. P.
Whyte, John McCarthy and Ike Conran, members of the House of Delegates, and Councilman Jeremiah Sheehan. The commission will meet next Friday at 250.

mmission will meet next Friday at 2.3. Mr. Vieh Plays in Chicago. Mr. George Vieh has been two days in Chicago, where he has given several re-citais. On Friday night he played before the Quadrangle Club at the Chicago Uni-versity and achieved great success. On Saturday evening he gave a private re-cital. Mr. Vieh will return to St. Louis this morning.

Miss Virginia Maboney of No. 2214 Mot-lapply street was the winner of a dia-mond ring in the contest at the festival at St. Leo's Catholic Church, which closed hast seek. The ring was brought from Rome by Archibehop Harty and had been blessed by Pope Pius X.